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"THE DEMOCRACY IN THE APPROACHING STRUGGLE SHOULD PRESENT A SOLID FRONT TO THE COMMON ENEMY. LOYALTY TO CARDINAL DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND REGULARLY NOMINATED CANDIDATES IS THE SUPREME DUTY OF THE HOUR."
—D. B. HILL.

TRYING TO CRAWL OUT.

The Southwest Sentinel recently stated that, at a meeting of the board of county commissioners of Dona Ana county, Numa Raymond protested against the "formation of a voting place for the convenience of a lot of d—d Texas murderers and thieves."

The Rio Grande Republican published the item and commented as follows:

"The above item from the Southwest Sentinel of the 11th instant is in strict accord with the lies with which the anti-republican press of the Territory is teeming in the present campaign. It shows to what straits they are driven, and how hopeless they believe their cause, when they resort to downright falsehood, thinking thereby to strengthen their own cause. Mr. Raymond is not given to slandering any class of people, and never made use of the above or any similar expression, as attributed to him by the SENTINEL; it is simply and purely a deliberate campaign lie."

Perhaps the editor of the Republican has been led to believe that the statement is false, but such is not the case. Mr. Raymond did make use of the language in the court house at Las Cruces, of which fact there is abundant proof. The Republican must be hard pressed for campaign arguments when it can only make use of the old, stereotyped expression, "a deliberate campaign lie."

MANY of the residents of Grant county have gone to Las Cruces or Hillsborough to give testimony in cases which have been taken from this county on a change of venue. No one who has had occasion to visit our neighboring counties on such business will forget the inconvenience and loss on account of having to attend a term of court in another county. Mr. Catron is responsible for the change of venue law and yet there are men in this county who have lost both time and money on account of this law, who will vote for Catron. Some people have a fondness for licking the hand that strikes them down.

A CHALLENGE NOT ACCEPTED.

The following open letter to the Albuquerque Citizen was published in the Santa Fe Sun a few days ago:

"In your issue of Thursday you published a leader, under the caption—'Catron's Land Grant,' in which you assumed knowledge of the facts and made broad and unqualified statements thereof which are wholly false. Without attempt at specification in this brief letter let it be sufficient for present purposes to say that all the statements of fact in the leader are false, and the writer of the editorial and T. B. Catron are respectfully challenged to a public debate in Grant's Opera House in Albuquerque at any time between this and Nov. 8, the sole topic to be the truth of the statements made in the Sun's article of Oct. 8, under the caption 'Just as he is,' and republished in the Times, and the falsity of all the statements of fact in your editorial referred to. I repeat the statements made in the Sun's article, as republished in the Times, and will undertake to prove the truth of them, word for word, and line by line, by records, actual court records, and not by tin-plate wind; and I also undertake to prove the falsity of the statements of your editorial by the same record facts. The records are too long for newspaper production, but they are not too long for conclusive and clinching production before any intelligent and respectful audience that may assemble in the metropolis. The words 'lie' and 'slander' have been flying around pretty freely in this campaign, now let us have one trial on the facts before such an audience of intelligence and discrimination as the chief city of New Mexico usually furnishes."

I promise that audience facts, record facts, and will confine myself exclusively to the truth of the Tierra Amarilla land-grab of Catron as presented by the Sun on the 8th., and republished in the Times, and the falsity of your editorial. I will ask one hour and a quarter of time and Mr. Catron or the writer of your editorial, or any other champion of Mr. Catron can have all the time the audience will give him. Come, neighbor, let us have one trial on this feature—the blackest feature of Mr. Catron's discreditable public record. Come, neighbor; come, Mr. Catron; let us be put upon the proof right in the centre of our territory and in the chief city thereof. What say you?

Very respectfully,
J. H. Crist."

The editor of the Citizen, realizing that such a debate would be very damaging to the prospects of the father of the change of venue law, he replied as follows in the editorial column of the Citizen:

"The editor of the Santa Fe Sun wants to wrestle with the Citizen in a joint debate over the title of the Catron land grant. It would be a pure waste of words and a bore to the people of this city. The evidence at hand in this office shows that Mr. Catron bought the land and paid for it in cash. The land, since the purchase several years ago, has become valuable, and Mr. Catron deserves credit for his faith in the growth of the territory."

Catron and his friends are afraid to meet their accuser, knowing that he speaks the truth and what is more, that he has abundant proof of it.

Catron is said to have a law practice which brings him in from \$50,000 to \$75,000 a year but he wants to go to congress to get a salary of \$5,000 and be the servant of the people. What a great, good, big hearted, unselfish man he is. He wants to go to congress to do the people good. He is willing to make a great sacrifice now for this purpose. To be sure he has never been noted for his self-sacrifice before but he has suddenly become a philanthropist. He doesn't want to go to congress to get through any jobs for the benefit of Thomas B. Catron. He simply wants to be the servant of the people and is willing to lose \$50,000 or \$70,000 a year in order to help New Mexico. Looks reasonable, doesn't it?

FEROCEOUS bull dogs occasionally get tin cans tied to their tails and when in this predicament small boys delight to hurl brickbats and rocks at them. At such times they lose much of their ferocity and afford much amusement for the youngsters. Bull dog Catron is now affording the people of New Mexico a world of amusement trying to get away from his record like a dog from a tin can while 750,000 penitentiary brick and 40 wagon loads of government rock are being hurled at him from all quarters. The people of the Territory are having lots of fun but Catron fails to appreciate the situation. The bull dog with a can to his tail doesn't take any more kindly to the situation than Catron.

NO CHANGE OF VENUE.

Catron has had a great deal of experience in defending criminals and is generally successful in keeping his client from getting into the penitentiary. If he has a bad case he delays coming to trial until the witnesses for the prosecution leave the Territory, either of their own free will or because they are obliged to do so, or he brings into service his little change of venue law and takes witnesses perhaps hundreds of miles from their homes to court, term after term, until the case is dismissed or the witnesses cannot be found.

But Thomas has a case on trial now which cannot be postponed. He cannot obtain a change of venue, and although he may try, he cannot bribe the jurors. The evidence is nearly all in and the case will go to the jury two weeks from today. There will be no disagreement about the verdict which will be against Catron on every point.

The verdict will not be set aside, a motion for a new trial will not be entertained and there will be no appeal.

For once the great bulldozer is nonplussed, disheartened and discouraged. He has made as artful a defense as his case would permit but his arguments hold water like a sieve, his statements are bound together with a huge rope of sand as strong as his affinity for the average voter from whom he expects support. He is sailing on a perilous sea, between Scylla and Charybdis, and his frail bark will be lost with all on board on November 8.

Catron acknowledged in his speech here that New Mexico would be admitted to the union whether he should be elected or not. This was a great concession for Mr. Catron to make, but since he has made it, it looks as though the argument being used by the republican papers of the Territory that it is necessary to elect Catron in order to secure statehood for New Mexico is rather weak, in fact it looks as though it has nothing to stand on. Republican editors will have to discover some other reason why Mr. Catron should go to congress. The time is getting short and they will have to bestir themselves.

PERRY B. LADY has the ability and the education necessary to make a good legislator, and he has the determination to make a strong fight in the legislature this winter for a reduction of the enormous fees now paid to county officers. He is opposed to paying \$1,000 a month to a \$100 man, simply because he happens to be in a public position. County officers have fed so long at the public crib without proper restriction that the crib is nearly empty. Mr. Lady thinks it is time to take some of the burden off the shoulders of the tax payers and make the salaries of public officials correspond more nearly with the work they have to do.

THE law requires the county treasurer of each county in the Territory to keep an office at the county seat of the county of which he is treasurer. The treasurer of this county has utterly disregarded this law for more than six months, and there is no assurance whatever that he would comply with the law should he be re-elected. It is a very serious inconvenience to people having business with the county treasurer not to find him at the county seat, where he ought to be. Vote for J. W. Fleming for treasurer, and the treasurer's office will be kept in Silver City, where the law requires it to be kept.

NONE of the good republican newspapers of the Territory have explained why Tommy Catron has not filed any of his land cases before the land court. Tommy is reputed to be interested in over 3,000,000 acres of land and a considerable portion of this is still unconfirmed. It has been hinted that honest, bighearted, brainy Tommy wants a change in the land court before he trusts his cases before it. There seems to be method in his madness.

BAYLOR SHANNON is one of the most popular young cattlemen in the county, and will be elected county commissioner by a handsome majority. He is opposed to extravagance in county affairs and is in thorough accord with the democrats of the county who are determined to put a stop to the steady increase of taxation.

THE AMERICAN VALLEY MURDERERS.

The following from the Albuquerque Democrat shows there may be some very interesting developments in this campaign in a few days:

"Capt. John P. Casey, of Las Cruces, a dyed in the wool republican, has made a statement under oath implicating Thomas B. Catron in what is known as the American Valley murders. The affidavit has been forwarded to Santa Fe. It refers to the assassination of Graciete and Elsingner. Among other serious things Capt. Casey makes oath Mr. Catron paid a Socorro livery man \$300 for the hire of the rig that took the assassins to the scene of their butchery. The murdered men had two desirable ranches and they were assassinated to get them out of the way. A big scheme was being worked in Washington at the time, involving several millions of dollars, to stock that beautiful valley. Gen. John A. Logan made a visit there in the same connection."

THE people of this county are interested in the affair of county treasurer. The finances of the county are now in such a condition that the people can afford to take no chance. There is but one way to secure the county absolutely against loss and that is to elect a man who has sufficient resources to make good any loss which may happen through bank failures or otherwise. J. W. Fleming is such a man, and there is not a resident of Grant County who would not feel that the county funds were perfectly safe in his hands.

A. B. FALL has made a record for himself in the legislature of this Territory of which any one might be proud. He is one of the ablest men who have occupied seats in the legislative halls of New Mexico and the voters of this county district will make no mistake by returning him to the legislature this fall. Let it be remembered that he is the friend of Grant county.

FRANK WRIGHT, the republican candidate for the legislature from the 14th district, was expected to do something for Catron in this campaign but so far he has studiously avoided making an appearance in public on the same platform with the great guns of the republican party. Did he realize that he would suffer by comparison with guns of larger caliber or does he deem Catron unworthy of his support?

It is time for D. P. Carr to write another letter. He ought to define his position in reference to the Murores doctrine and a few lines on the National banking law showing how much safer National banks are than state banks and why the republican party favors the National banking system. This would be interesting for the depositors in the First National Bank of Deming and Silver City.

U. E. McDANIEL, of Cooks Peak, will make an excellent county commissioner. Cook's Peak is now the most important mining camp in Grant County, and Mr. McDaniel is one of the representative miners of the county. The miners of the county should be represented on the board, and McDaniel is the man to represent them.

IT HAS been a long time since there has been a representative of the Sapello on the board of county commissioners. This year the democratic party has nominated a man from the Sapello who is not only well posted in county affairs, but he is a man who will see that the affairs of the county are economically administered. Vote for S. S. Brannin for county commissioner.

MORRISON says that one republican sheep is as good as five democratic sheep. There may be some truth in this statement because republican sheep have voted in Valencia county but there is no record of democratic sheep having voted in the Territory.

THE republican caravan has broken up and the great tin plate orator will be heard no more in this campaign in New Mexico. Rats desert a sinking ship and Catron is being deserted by his warmest supporters.

SOME of the republican candidates for the legislature are such exceedingly light weights that they ought to have feathers tied to their feet to keep them from floating off in the air.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM.

The principal difference between Dr. Stovall and his republican competitor is that the Dr. is a quiet, dignified gentleman, fully competent to fill with credit to himself and his constituents, any place to which they may call him, and in no sense a blatherkite.

There is a strong probability that his principal business in the legislature will be killing absurd propositions introduced by the last named class, who have heretofore abounded on the republican side. In no other way can a self-respecting, intelligent and patriotic member of that body more effectively serve the people who elect him.

With a majority in the house of representatives like Dr. Stovall, there will be no abominable Connecticut blue law legislation like the libel law; no land grant stealing legislation like the limitation bill; no rascally lawyers' expedient to defeat the ends of justice and rob people of their homes, like the change of venue law; nor idiotic measures to take judicial surveillance of the movement and whereabouts of women, like the women in saloons law, in defense of which the republican candidate for the legislature so ridiculously slopped over at the time of its passage. Dr. Stovall is a level headed, intelligent, conservative all round gentleman and democrat, and in these particulars lie another conspicuous difference between him and the candidate of the Enterprise.

If the Enterprise objects to Mr. Young as county clerk on account of his having been a director in the First National Bank of Silver City how can it support Mr. Berg for county treasurer in opposition to Mr. Fleming when, as everybody knows, Mr. Berg was a director in the wrecked Deming bank and also went on an accommodation note in the bank here for Mr. Dane to the tune of \$5,000?

SOME of these carpers against women holding office, might remember that the Grant County Hospital is conducted by women, and there is no public institution in the county or territory which is more economically and efficiently conducted. Our public officials might profit by the example, and thus relieve themselves of the prevailing charge of incompetency, neglect and corruption.

GEORGE W. MILES has made an excellent school superintendent and no one doubts for a moment his ability to fill the office of assessor in an entirely acceptable manner.

EARLY in the campaign the republicans claimed this county by a big majority for Catron but now they have given up all hope of carrying it for him.

THE Rio Grande is dry and Catron says Joseph is responsible for it. He might have added that if he should be elected he would have rain to order and would see that the river did not go dry. It would be about as sensible as some of his other assertions.

Notice for Publication.

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
LAS CRUCES, N. M., Oct. 17, 1892.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Probate Judge, or in his absence, Probate Clerk, at Silver City, N. M., on November 29th, 1892, viz: Thomas E. Brown, of Hudson, N. M., who made 1st entry No. 106 for the S. E. 1/4 Sec. 20, S. 25, T. 1 N., and S. W. 1/4 Sec. 24, Sec. 20, T. 1 N., R. 10 W.
He claims the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:
John Perry, of Timbira, N. M.; John McKim, of Hudson, N. M.; James P. Hewitt, of Hudson, N. M.; H. E. Boudreau, of Hudson, N. M.
Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and the regulations of the interior department, why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
SAMUEL F. MCNEAL, Register.

The Call of the Southwest Silver Convention and Mass Meeting of Miners.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 15, 1892.
In obedience to the will and instructions of the Southwest Silver Convention and mass meeting of miners held in this city, on the 15th, 16th, and 17th days of December, 1891, your executive and sub-committee, charged with the duty of perpetuating the annual assemblage of the miners of the Southwest in El Paso, do, in virtue of the authority vested in them, announce that the second Annual Southwest Silver convention and mass meeting of miners, will convene in El Paso, Dec. 5, 1892, at 9 A. M.

Miners are urged to be present upon the occasion and to otherwise lend their assistance to a cause that now, if ever, requires friends and advocates.

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